

Michigan Adoption Facts 2015

The goal of Michigan's Adoption Services Program is to place children with forever families through adoption following termination of parental rights due to child abuse or neglect. The program provides services to these children and to families before and after the adoption. Services are provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and through contracts with 64 private Michigan child-placing agencies.

There are about 13,000 children in the foster care system. There are approximately 2,400 children whose parents' rights have been terminated and have a goal of adoption. More than 1,700 children were adopted through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and private adoption agencies in fiscal year 2015. On average 51% of children were adopted by their foster parents, 40% of children were adopted by relatives and 9% of children were adopted by a recruited family.

Approximately 90% of children who are available for adoption qualify for adoption assistance to help families with some of the costs of bringing children into their homes. Approximately 25,000 adopted children receive ongoing adoption assistance. The total amount of adoption assistance paid to adoptive families by the State of Michigan is about \$240 million annually. Michigan's Adoption Medical Subsidy Program is a reimbursement program that assists in paying for services for adopted children who have an identified physical, mental or emotional condition which existed, or the cause of which existed, before the adoption petition was filed.

Michigan is committed to responding to the needs of adoptive families and understands the value in providing post adoption services to families who have adopted children from Michigan's child welfare system. Post adoption services are available statewide through eight Post Adoption Resource Centers and offer the following services: case management, including short-term and emergency in-home intervention; coordination of community services; information dissemination; education; training; advocacy; family recreational activities and support.

Children in foster care as of Sept. 30:	Foster home licenses issued each calendar year:
2010: 15,250 2011: 14,284 2012: 13,639 2013: 13,402 2014: 12,883 2015: 13,009	2010: 2,013 2011: 1,820 2012: 1,847 2013: 1,968 2014: 1,960 2015: 1,763*
Licensed foster homes in Michigan as of Sept. 30:	Adoptions from foster care each fiscal year:
2010: 7,166 2011: 7,264 2012: 7,062 2013: 7,042 2014: 6,796 2015: 6,488	2010: 2,612 2011: 2,426 2012: 2,538 2013: 2,361 2014: 2,185 2015: 1,701*

Includes children in foster homes, mental health facilities or with relatives, legal guardians, independent living, boarding schools and other placements.

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